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Title: Need to provide a special financial package to Kerala for rehabilitation and treatment of Endosulfan affected people in Kasargod district and other parts of the State.

SHRI P KARUNAKARAN (KASARAGOD): The Endosulfan, a poisonous chemical pesticide has caused numerous problems in Kerala especially in Kasaragod district. It also affected some parts of Karnataka. The continuous use of Endosulfan in Cashew plantation has adversely affected the environment and human beings. About 500 people have died and thousands of people are taking treatment in various hospitals. The Government of Kerala and district panchayats have given some financial assistance for treatment to the victims. But it is not possible for the State Government alone to take this huge responsibility. Kerala Government has already requested for the financial assistance of Rs. 475 crores. But nothing has materialized so far. There are reports of suicides of patients and even their family members.

So, I request the Union Government to sanction a special financial package to the State for the rehabilitation and medical treatment of Endosulfan affected victims.